Litchi based processing industries in Bihar

†2018. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to promote litchi based processing industry in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing industries on its own. The Ministry is, however, implementing Plan schemes to provide financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for technology upgradation, establishment and modernization of the food processing units. The assistance is provided to private industries, public sector undertakings, non-governmental organizations, cooperatives, etc. for technically feasible and financially viable projects. Litchi based processing industries also qualify for such assistance. The rate of assistance for establishment/modernization of food processing units is 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works, subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakh in general areas and 33.33% of the project cost, subject to maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. The Ministry also issue licenses under Fruit Product Order, 1955 for ensuring sanitary and hygienic conditions in manufacture of fruit and vegetable products.

Processing facilities in NER

†2019. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in all the States of North-Eastern Region quality oranges, pine-apples and ginger are produced;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these items are sold there cheaply because of lack of arrangements for processing thereof;

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(c) if so, whether Government are considering any proposal to set up new food processing industries in North-Eastern Region;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) A variety of horticulture crops like oranges, pineapples, ginger etc. are grown in the North Eastern Region. Processing facilities in the North Eastern Region are generally inadequate. With a view to encourage creation of processing facilities, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Schemes provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid for setting up/expansion/modernization of food processing industries @ 25% of the cost of the plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh for general areas and @ 33.33% upto Rs. 75 lakhs for difficult areas. Under the Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission for development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal, higher level of assistance is available upto 50% of the capital cost subject to Rs. 4 crores for the new units and upto Rs. 1 crore for modernization of the existing units. The Ministry does not set up Food Processing Industries of its own.

Wastage of food Items

†2020. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the food items get wasted due to lack of processing facilities;

(b) whether it is also a fact the condition of the above industry is deteriorating day by day as a result of neglect by Government;

(c) if so, the plan of Government in this regard;

(d) if not, the status of the said industry in our country in comparison to other countries specially China; and

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